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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: UNGA SPECIAL SESSION: KHMER CREDENTIALS

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1. MADAME PENG (GKR CHARGE WHILE AMB VUTTHI IN LATIN AMERICA) INFORMED US APRIL 3 THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS VUTTHI HAD JUST GIVEN HER BY TELEPHONE, SHE IS TELEGRAPHING PHNOM PENH TO ASK THAT FOREIGN MINISTER BE PRESENT IN NEW YORK AT OPENING OF SPECIAL SESSION.

2. MADAME PENG HAS INFORMED US APRIL 2 THAT KEUKY LIM WAS PRESSING FOR DEFINITE RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER HE SHOULD GO TO CANBERRA OR TO NEW YORK FOLLOWING VISIT TO TOKYO. SHE TOLD US THEN ALSO THAT ADVICE SHE WAS GETTING FROM FRIENDLY ASIANS PARTICULARLY JAPANESE, WAS SAME AS THAT WE HAD INFORMALLY GIVEN

HER: THAT THERE STILL IS NO INDICATION THAT CREDENTIALS QUESTION WILL ARISE, ALTHOUGH RISK ALWAYS REMAINS; THAT GKR SHOULD AVOID ANY ACTION THAT MIGHT PROVOKE OPPOSITION; THAT ASSIGNMENT OF FOREIGN MINISTER AS HEAD OF DELEGATION
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FOR SPECIAL SESSION MIGHT, ALTHOUGH NOT NECESSARILY, STIMULATE CREDENTIALS CHALLENGE. IN THIS APRIL 2

DISCUSSION, MADAME PENG INDICATED THAT SHE PERSONALLY FELT THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT COME TO NEW YORK BUT THAT AMB VUTTHI FELT OTHERWISE, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE VUTTHI WISHED TO BE ABLE TO CONSULT ON THE SPOT HERE WITH KEUKY LIM IN CASE KHMER ISSUE DID ARISE.

3. IN CONFIRMING TO US APRIL 3 THAT FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD BE REQUESTED TO COME TO NEW YORK, MADAME PENG SAID THAT KHMER MISSION IS RECOMMENDING THAT HE COME ONLY IN "PRIVATE CAPACITY" AND NOT AS HEAD OF DELEGATION; HIS PRESENCE IN NEW YORK WOULD NOT BE ANNOUNCED. AMB VUTTHI WOULD BE NAMED AS HEAD OF KHMER DELEGATION FOR SPECIAL SESSION.

4. MADAME PENG SAID THAT IN MESSAGE REQUESTING KEUKY LIM'S PRESENCE HERE, KHMER MISSION WOULD ALSO REPORT, IN EFFECT, THAT KHMER FRIENDS WERE LESS POSITIVE THAN VUTTHI ABOUT WISDOM OF KEUKY LIM DECIDING NOW TO COME TO NEW YORK.

5. COMMENT: GIVEN VUTTHI'S DESIRE AND GIVEN FACT THAT WE CANNOT PREDICT WITH CERTAINTY WHAT CREDENTIALS SITUATION WILL BE, WE FEEL IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR USUN OR FOR EMBASSY PHNOM PENH TO PURSUE MATTER FURTHER.
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